

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACTION SUMMARY
Thursday, October 12, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Engellenner. Board Members present: Duveneck, Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Valley. Director Trujillo, absent. Staff: Fire Chief Mette, General Counsel Margarita, Board Clerk Tilson.

PLEDGE TO FLAG by Girl Scouts of Tierra Del Oro.

METRO CABLE 14 ANNOUNCEMENT

The open session Meeting is videotaped for cablecast on Metro Cable 14. Replay on Monday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 17 at 11:00 p.m. on Channel 14; Webcast at www.sacmetroable.tv. A VHS copy is also available for checkout from any library branch.

AWARDS:

FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE—(Mette/Pebbles)

1. **Captain James A. Darnell**
2. **Firefighter Brent W. Barsdale**
3. **Firefighter Joseph M. Kitzero**

Captain Darnell, Firefighter Barsdale, and Firefighter Kitzero received the Fire Chief's Commendation for Distinguished Service from Fire Chief Mette for their invaluable assistance in the apprehension of a homicide suspect in our community on June 30, 2006. This award is a reflection of their dedication to the citizens we serve and to the fire service in its highest tradition.

**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN
DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:**1. Board Meeting Action Summary—September 28, 2006**

- **Board Action:**
Kelly/Duveneck—approve the consent Agenda. Directors Duveneck, Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Valley, AYE. Director Trujillo, absent. Motion carried.

ADDITION TO THE CLOSED SESSION:

President Engellenner stated he received a call from General Counsel to add an item to the Closed Session.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(C)

- **Board Action:**
Granados/Lawson—add the item to the Closed Session. Directors Duveneck, Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Valley, AYE. Director Trujillo, absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM(S) None.

PRESENTATION ITEM(S) None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—(Engellenner)

- Thanked everyone that participated last Tuesday in the Fire Chief's evaluation.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(Mette)

- Fire incident report since the last meeting:
 - 6 working structure fires
 - 28 grass fires
 - Arson unit along with the Sacramento Sheriff and FBI arrested two individuals responsible for burning a swastika in the St. Andrew's Church parking lot.
 - Multiple fires were set at the Grace Bible Church and the Victory Christian School on Hazel Avenue, Orangevale.

- Fire Prevention Bureau decentralization – the County is moving ahead with the Orangevale Service Center and would like to fast track the Arden-Arcade Center and bring both on line in March. The cost for the second center will require a mid-year adjustment by the Board.

In response to Director Granados, Fire Marshal Dobson stated the projected cost is based on the Orangevale Center. Possible site is Watt Avenue, west of Marconi.

- Acknowledged former Arden Fire Chief, Patrick Parker, present in the audience with his grandson.
- On September 14, citizens from the Rancho Murieta Mobile Home Park appeared at the Finance Committee meeting with a question on the medic billing. Captain Newcomer and Assistant Chief Cantelme met and informed the group that there is an assessment fee when an engine company responds to a call and a monitor strip is used and attached to the PCR. The \$50 charge generates about \$30,000 with over \$100,000 billed, but Medicare only pays for transport. He requested Board direction to send this back to the Policy Committee or allow the Fire Chief to waive the fee.

Directors Duveneck, Valley, and Jones felt the Fire Chief should have the option to waive the fee in view of the minuscule financial gain. The intent is not to discourage residents from calling for service.

President Engellenner recommended this issue go back to the Policy Committee. Director Lawson requested a breakdown with a recommendation from the Fire Chief for review at the next Policy Committee meeting.

- Distributed a draft of the new District Brochure prepared by the Community Services Division for review.
- Distributed the 2005 Annual Report to the Board.
- The Board at its last meeting approved leasing the dozer through October. A proposal to purchase the dozer and a smaller trailer for maneuverability will be brought back to the Board at its October 26 meeting.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT—(Margarita)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:**Executive Committee—(Engellenner)**

- Next meeting: TBA

Communications Center Delegate—(Valley)

- Received presentation. The Gartner report is available for review; the strategic plan for the next seven years includes building a new Communications Center.
- Next Meeting: October 31, 2006 – 10:30 AM

California Fire & Rescue Training Authority—(Goold)

- Next meeting: TBD

Finance Committee—(Kelly)

- Next meeting: November 9, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

Policy Committee—(Lawson)

- Next meeting: October 26, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.
Agenda items:
 - Purchasing Agent Job Description
 - Discussion on raising the Reserve Firefighters hourly rate; review of comparables by the Fire Chief
 - Cost-recovery policy
 - Discussion on increase in the Fire Chief's salary

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**Goold:**

- Special thanks to Captain Newcomer and Engine 108 crew on behalf of the staff of the Del Campo Homecoming Committee for a great job.

Kelly:

- Thanked Mr. Sponable for his first formal presentation to the Finance Committee tonight.
- Congratulated the individuals recently promoted.

Lawson:

- In the absence of Director Trujillo who always extends appreciation to the Metro staff for the many things they do in the community, he echoed his sentiments on behalf of the Board members.

Granados:

- He attended the Shriner's Hospital Kid's Day event this afternoon. He and a lot of people sold newspapers and collected money for the Shriner's Hospital which will celebrate its tenth anniversary next year in February.
- The Director of Communications for the Hospital stated there is a senior Shriner who has a bagpipe to donate. He talked with Christian Pebbles in Community Services to make some arrangements to donate the bagpipe to the District and the piper who does a lot of community events for the District.

[President Engellenner departed at 6:30 p.m.]

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 6:35 PM**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 7:40 PM**

Report by General Counsel Margarita:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Two (2) Cases
 - a. **Mark Mixson vs Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District**
Claim No. 2003017486
 - b. **Brian Hottman vs Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District**
Claim No. 2003013861

The Board provided direction to work toward a settlement in both cases.

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(C)

[Director Jones departed at 6:45 p.m.]

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

H. Peter Engellenner, President

Ray Trujillo, Secretary

Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board